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## Superior Court Announces New Court Commissioners

San Diego Superior Court Judges have selected three veteran public attorneys to serve as Court Commissioners. A Deputy San Diego City Attorney, Deputy Public Defender and Deputy District Attorney will serve as judicial officers starting in late July and early August. The new Court Commissioners are Cindy D. Davis, Francisco P. Marty, Jr. and Garry G. Haehnle.

Cindy D. Davis, 42, joins the Court after a six-and-a-half year career with, and serving as head of, the San Diego City Attorney's Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit. In that capacity, she supervised staff and attorneys and handled both civil and criminal matters in that area. Duties in the office included handling all aspects of prosecution/litigation from complaint to trial. A 1993 graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law, Davis also practiced with Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps as a Senior Litigation Associate from 1995-1999.

Also a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law (1992), Francisco P. Marty, Jr., 44, has practiced with the San Diego County Public Defender's office since 1993. During his tenure with that office, Marty has litigated complex criminal cases, including "*three strikes*" cases. In addition, he has supervised and instructed interns, post-bar clerks and paralegals in the office. His work has involved case evaluation, development of settlement strategies and plea bargain negotiations.

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Garry G. Haehnle, 50, comes to the Court from the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. During his sixteen year career with the District Attorney's Office, Haehnle prosecuted a variety of cases, including major felonies, child abuse and domestic violence cases, juvenile delinquency and misdemeanors. A 1989 graduate of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Haehnle served as the Supervising Deputy District Attorney in the District Attorney's Child Abduction Unit. Additionally, Haehnle has been cross-designated as a Deputy State Attorney General and a Special Assistant United States Attorney.

“Court Commissioners serve a very important role in the Court handling cases in some of our busiest courtrooms. We are so very pleased to have these three highly experienced litigators joining us,” says Presiding Judge Janis Sammartino.

The three new Commissioners were selected from an applicant pool of 97 attorneys and will replace three departing Court Commissioners.

Unlike Judges who are either appointed by the Governor or elected, Court Commissioners are court employees who have been selected by the Superior Court Judges and given the power to hear and make decisions in certain kinds of legal matters such as Traffic Court and some misdemeanor cases.

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